

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Present Application:**

Applicants : Christen M. Anderson, et al.  
Title : PRODUCTION OF ADENINE NUCLEOTIDE TRANSLOCATOR  
(ANT), NOVEL ANT LIGANDS AND SCREENING ASSAYS  
THEREFOR  
Docket No. : 660088.420D5  
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**Prior Application:**

Examiner : Holly Schnizer, Ph.D.  
Art Unit : 1653  
Application No. : 09/393,441

Box Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Amend the specification by deleting the section before the "Technical Field" and inserting a new section as follows:

**-- CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a divisional of pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/393,441, filed September 8, 1999, which application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/185,904, filed November 3, 1998, and which applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. --

In the Claims:

Please withdraw from consideration claims 1-57, 60-61 and 75-112 without prejudice to the filing of any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-112 are pending in this application. In the present Amendment, applicants respectfully request that claims 1-57, 60-61 and 75-112 be withdrawn without prejudice, such that claims 58-59 and 62-74 are currently pending. The present application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/393,441, filed September 8, 1999 ("the parent application"), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/185,904, filed November 3, 1998.

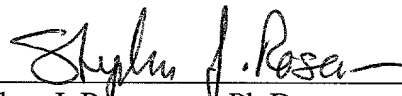
Attached hereto is a marked version of the changes made to the specification by the present amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Consideration of the present claims is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**In the specification:**

The paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3 has been amended as follows:

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